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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image processing method, comprising steps of: obtaining input image information including input image data from an input device; discriminating plural subjects existing in the input image data; dividing the input image data into plural subject patterns corresponding to the discriminated plural subjects; obtaining a relationship among the plural subject patterns; determining a processing method for the input image data of the plural subject patterns on a basis of the relationship, and processing the input image data of the plural subject patterns in accordance with the processing method so as to obtain output image data.